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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BRAZZAVILLE 0950

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONGOLESE MEDIATION OF ANGOLA-ZAIRIAN DIFFERENCES: JUNIOR  
VISIT TO BRAZZAVILLE, JULY 14

1. SUMMARY: GOCB RECEPTIVE TO USG PRESENTATION. ANGOLAN DEL ARRIVE  
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IN BRAZZAVILLE FOR JULY 17 TALKS WITH ZAIRIANS. END SUMMARY.

2. AF/C COUNTRY DIRECTOR JUNIOR MET WITH PRESIDENTY YHOMBY-OPANGO'S  
DIRECTOR OF CABINET OTSE-MAWANDZA AT LATTER'S HOME, EVENING JULY 14.  
JUNIOR, JOINED BY CHARGE, DESCRIBED LUANDA AND KINSHASA MEETINGS,  
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ALONE LINES AGREED TALKING POINTS.

3. OTSE-MAWANDZA WAS VERY FORTHCOMING, REITERATING CONGOLESE DESIRE  
FOR PEACE IN AREA, AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN  
ANGOLA AND ZAIRE. HE AGREED THAT BEST PROCESS WAS TO BUILD FRAMEWORK

OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND TAKE PRELIMINARY STEPS IN BRAZZAVILLE

MEETINGS. MORE SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS COULD BE TAKEN AT MEETINGS  
BETWEEN MOBUTU AND ANGOLANS IN KHARTOUM, DRAWING ON INITIAL AGREEMENT

REACHED HERE. CONGO WOULD BE PREPARED TO FOLLOW THROUGH IF AN  
AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON VERIFICATION. OTSE VOLUNTEERED, SPEAKING  
PERSONALLY AND NOT PREJUDGING PRESIDENT YHOMBY'S DECISION: "IF  
WE UNDERTAKE A MEDIATION ROLE, WE CANNOT SIMPLY LEAVE THINGS  
WITHOUT CHECKING UP ON THE RESULTS."

4. OTSE CONFIRMED INFORMATION WE RECEIVED EARLIER TO EFFECT THAT  
AN ANGOLAN DELEGATION ALREADY HAD ARRIVED IN BRAZZAVILLE (AND WERE  
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CONGOLESE NIGHT OF JULY 14 - WE HAVE LEARNED  
SEPARATELY). "THIS SHOWS THEIR GOOD WILL. NOW, WE AWAIT THE  
ZAIRIANS", SAID OTSE.

5. FYI: ATEMBINA-TE-BOMBO, ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR TO CONGO, HAD TOLD  
US AT FRENCH RECEPTION, PRIOR TO JUNIOR MEETING WITH OTSE, THAT  
ANGOLAN DEL IS HEADED BY A COMMANDANT, MEMBER OF CC/MPLA, WHO IS  
AN INSPECTOR GENERAL IN MILITARY. ATEMBINA (UNHAPPILY) SAID HE  
ANTICIPATES THAT STONE-FACED ADMIRAL REPRESENTING ZAIRE AT  
JANUARY BRAZZAVILLE TALKS WOULD HEAD ZAIRE DEL, AND THAT MEETINGS  
WILL BEGIN JULY 17. ATEMBINA OBSERVED THAT YHOMBY-OPANGO'S  
DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR, DIEUBONNE ITOUA, AND CONGOLESE AMBASSADOR TO  
ANGOLA, HAD TRAVELED TO KINSHASA TO MEET WITH MOBUTU, AFTERNOON  
JULY 14. ATEMBINA WAS CRITICAL OF APPARANT GOCB RUSH TO MEDIATE  
PRIOR TO KHARTOUM, BLAMING CONGOLESE AND ANGOLANS FOR "SEEKING  
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PUBLICITY". A MORE LIKELY SOURCE OF HIS ANXIETY IS WHAT WE SUSPECT  
MAY BE ATEMBINA'S PIQUE OVER NOT BEING INCLUDED IN CURRENT  
NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. END FYI.

6. IN CLOSING, OTSE-MAWANDZA TOLD JUNIOR THAT CONGOLESE DELEGATION  
TO OAU SUMMIT MIGHT BE HEADED BY MCP MEMBER OKONGO, RATHER THAN  
BY YHOMBY. IN TAKING LEAVE AFTER FRIENDLY SESSION, OTSE  
CONVEYED CONGO'S APPRECIATION FOR JUNIOR'S VISIT, BRIEFING, AND  
US INTEREST, WHILE EXPRESSING ONCE AGAIN CONGO'S DESIRE FOR GOOD  
RELATIONS WITH ALL.  
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